

ENGLISH OPINION.

London Papers Beginning to Think the Situation Grave.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL STAND FIRM.

The President of the Master Cotton Spinners Association Says War Between America and England Would Be Ruinous to Them.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In commenting upon the Venezuelan question, the newspapers generally agree that the situation is much more serious than they thought it to be yesterday. In the public mind, also, there is a general feeling of disappointment at the action of congress in supporting the stand taken by President Cleveland in his message to that body.

The stock exchange here and the exchanges throughout the country continue under the influence of the difficulty which has arisen between Great Britain and the United States. At the same time there is no excitement. The Pall Mall Gazette's money article says: "Of course, whatever happens, America will lose credit over the affair. It is particularly inopportune when many of her railways need money."

The afternoon papers all contain long editorial articles on the Venezuelan question, the general tenor of their utterances being the same as yesterday, though all agree that the matter is becoming much graver.

The Globe, a high conservative organ and a newspaper which may be supposed to be on terms of intimacy with the government, gives warning that Great Britain will remain firm, saying: "President Cleveland may appoint a dozen commissions, but England will remain firm in her refusal to recognize them and jurisdiction of this sort. This is our unalterable position, be the consequences what they may. We will never submit to such unparalleled dictation."

The Globe is also irate at recent utterances of Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, especially his reference to the easy manner in which the United States could conquer Canada, remarking: "The overwhelming naval strength of England would enable her to pour troops into Canada at any sign of danger, and small warships could be sent to the lakes, and Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo would be at her mercy."

The St. James Gazette says that the Britishers were much disappointed on reading the American telegrams yesterday, and expresses the fear that the Americans will not read the diplomatic correspondence or see that Lord Salisbury is right, adding: "We think that the American press, with its customary enterprise, has given its readers everything but the essential facts, and the tendency of the moment is to believe that President Cleveland has made a spirited effort to uphold his country's honor. The Americans, if sensible, are also sentimental and would fight with all the fierce energy of their race for a principle. We know it and respect them for it. What is inconceivable is that they can imagine there is any occasion for resentment. Let them read the dispatches."

The Gazette expresses the opinion that the speech of the United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, at the dinner of the actors' benevolent fund, Wednesday, was "everything that could be friendly, passionately, patriotically friendly, to this country."

"But," the Gazette says, "unfortunately Mr. Bayard is himself under a cloud as regards the American public."

The P. M. Gazette, among other things, says: "For the present, it is enough that the foremost jurists of America unanimously condemn the Olney doctrine, while but one single continental journal of repute sustains President Cleveland."

A dispatch to the Press from Manchester says that President Macara, of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, said in an interview that war between Great Britain and the United States would entail incalculable loss and misery upon the Lancashire cotton workers, as five-sixths of the raw material necessary to feed the Lancashire spindles comes from America.

COMPUTED BY TONS.

The Rainfall in Missouri the Heaviest Since the Weather Bureau Was Established.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—The Missouri weather service reports the heaviest rainfall recorded since the establishment of the bureau. The total rainfall in the last 48 hours has been 6.29 inches. This is equal to four gallons to every square foot—or about 750 tons of water to the acre. The rain has been general throughout the state, and is still falling. All over central Missouri the streams are out of their banks. In some places much damage to fences and fodder has been done by the water.

At Sedalia all trains on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road were from six to twelve hours late on account of bridges being washed away. One thousand feet of the Sedalia, Warsaw & Southern railway was washed away south of that city and trains are abandoned.

A dispatch from Webb City says: "This is the heaviest rainfall since 1873. Mining operations will be suspended for several weeks, throwing 500 men out of employment, which will aggregate a loss to them of \$5,000 weekly. Some parties from here went out to Spring river and rescued five men, one woman and two children, who were water bound. The men were in trees, and the women and children on top of a shanty, where all had been since morning, suffering greatly."

A Valuable Concession.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The government has granted a concession to George Edetwiler, of Chicago, and Emil B. Barry, of Boston, to build a railway along the Pacific coast from Tehuantepec to the Guatemala frontier. The concessionaires get about \$5,000,000 subsidy.

K. C. Pittsburg & Gulf Time Table.

Arrival and departure of trains at Worland.	
NORTH BOUND.	
No. 7, Freight daily except Sunday	12:10 p. m.
No. 5, Express daily	10:20 a. m.
No. 1, Express daily	12:25 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2, Express daily	9:21 a. m.
No. 6, Freight daily except Sunday	1:40 a. m.
No. 8,	2:25 p. m.

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Battle With Panthers.

Fort Myers, Fla., December 17.—While hunting in the Big Cypress Swamp yesterday Robert Travers, Frank McNulty, David Poole and John Weatherford encountered two panthers. A desperate battle followed, in which the panthers were killed, but not until they had slain eight dogs, probably mortally wounded Poole and Weatherford and frightfully lacerated Travers and McNulty. The dogs found the panthers in a tree, and Poole and Weatherford were first on the spot. While looking for the game one of the panthers sprang from an overhanging limb on the hunters, knocking them down and tearing them with its claws. The dogs rushed in, when the second panther came to its mate's aid and disemboweled the hounds as fast as it could strike.

Poole and Weatherford were being ripped to pieces when Travers and McNulty arrived. They fired at the panthers, which, though wounded by the shots, left Poole and Weatherford and sprang at the newcomers. Travers carried a heavy revolver which he used as the beasts came to close quarters. After three shots the panther that attacked Travers dropped dead. Travers then turned to aid McNulty, who was fighting the second beast with a knife. Placing the pistol against the panther's head, Travers fired, killing the animal instantly. Although torn about the face, Travers and McNulty cared for Poole and Weatherford, who were unconscious. Aid was summoned from a near by squatter's home, Poole and Weatherford removed and doctors called from here. Poole and Weatherford are torn in twenty places, the wounds that threaten death being across the abdomen. The eight dogs appear to have been killed each by a single blow. The panthers measured over 11 feet in length, being the largest ever killed in the Big Cypress.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told that I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Drug Stores. 5-4t.

Schlatter At Santa Cruz.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 13.—Francis Schlatter, "the healer," reached Santa Cruz this afternoon, 30 miles north of here. Passing through Taos Valley on Wednesday he was met and followed by several hundred people. At the village Ranchitos de Taos five hundred people assembled to greet him. He blessed handkerchiefs and cured many persons. There is great excitement here to-night over Schlatter's probable advent to-morrow.

Is Your Tongue

Coated, your throat dry, your eyes dull and inflamed and do you feel mean generally when you get up in the morning. Your liver and kidney are not doing their work. Why don't you take Parks Sure cure. If it does not make you feel better it costs you nothing.—Sold by H. I. Tucker.

There are some things in the recent political upheaval for which the democracy should be thankful, one of which is the total discomfiture of the Pops in Mississippi. Last year they had a representation of 25 in the state legislature. In the late election they failed to carry a county, notwithstanding the fact of their unholy alliance with the republicans.—Lamar Democrat.


What's the Use of Talking

About colds and coughs in the summer time. You may have a tickling cough or a little cold or baby may have the croup a nd when it comes you ought to know that Parks cough Syrup is the best cure for it. Sold by H. I. Tucker.

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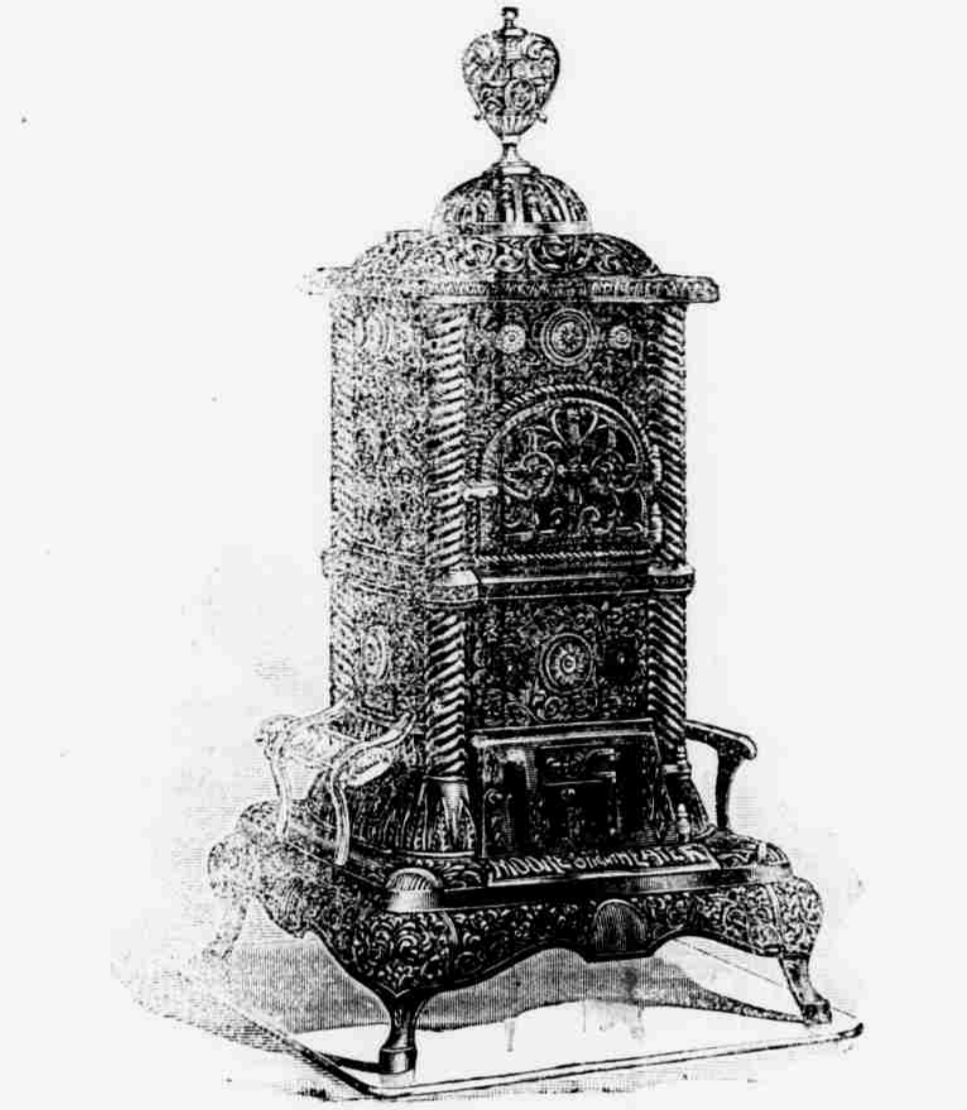
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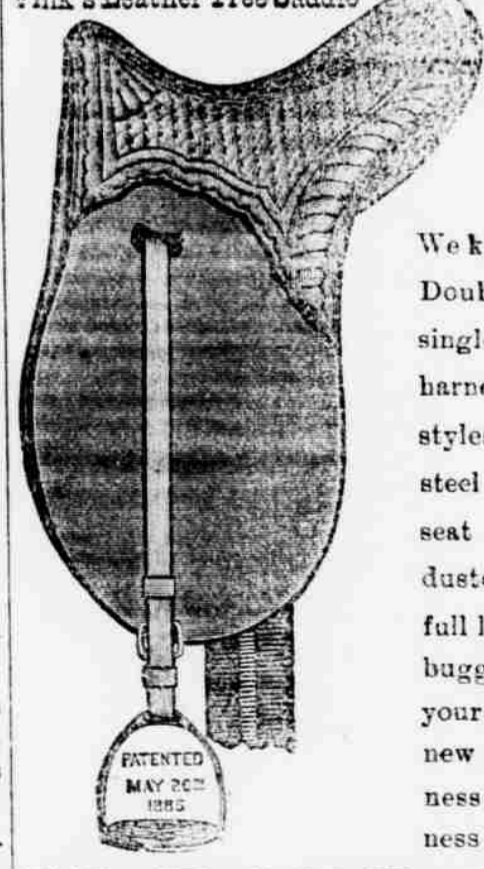
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SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE.

Representatives of South American Republics Think the Time Opportune for a Political Union of the New World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Among Secretary Olney's callers yesterday were Minister Andrade, of Venezuela; Minister Mendonca, of Brazil, and Minister Romero, of Mexico, representing three of the first republics of South and Central America. Although none of the Central and South American diplomats will consent to be quoted regarding their call, it is known that they, as a rule, have cabled their governments that the present seems an opportune time for invoking the Monroe doctrine as a means of support against European pressure, several of them being involved in disputes with European nations at this time. The statement is made by one of them that several important results will follow the vigorous construction of the Monroe doctrine. First, it is said, will be the official adherence of the Southern republics, making the declaration practically unanimous from the countries of the western hemisphere. It is pointed out that Lord Salisbury insisted that the Monroe doctrine was not recognized as international law, but this, it is said, will be answered by a showing that all the republics of North and South America accept it as the law governing them.

The project of another conference of American republics in line with the Pan-American conference, but with a view to political alliance rather than commercial reciprocity, is being discussed also. The suggestion is made with much directness in diplomatic circles that the course of the United States assures to it the moral and physical support of all the Southern and Central American republics. In the aggregate this allied strength of the western republics, with the United States at its head, would constitute a new and formidable factor in international affairs. It is not suggested among diplomats that such an alliance will take the form of a treaty, but it is urged that the feeling of union existing constitutes a compact quite as effective as a formal understanding.

KANSAS CITY CELEBRATES.

Her Business Men Appropriately Observe the Anniversary of a Great Commercial Treaty.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—Surrounded on every side by the glorious flags of the union, 150 members of the Commercial club and their guests sat down to an elaborate banquet at the Coates house last night, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the commercial independence treaty with Great Britain. Never before, probably, has such a representative audience of business men gathered in Kansas City, and not in years has there such a patriotic demonstration occurred. Howard M. Holden occupied the post of honor as toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to: "John Jay, the Statesman and Jurist," Hon. J. V. C. Kames; "Our Country and Its Commerce," Mr. A. B. Stickney; "The Mission of Commerce and the Development of Civilization," Hon. J. Ralph Burton; "The Waning Century," Maj. William Warner; "Agriculture the Basis of Commerce," Hon. John C. Tarsney; "Our Commercial Treaties," Hon. John L. Peak, minister to Switzerland.

MURDER AT VERONA, MO.

Nat Davidson, a Wealthy Citizen, Called to His Door and Shot Down.

AURORA, Mo., Dec. 20.—Nat Davidson, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Verona, five miles west of this city, was called to the door of his home last night and shot and instantly killed by some person on the outside. The assassin is supposed to be a man named Zillm whom Davidson had accused of interfering in his family affairs, and being instrumental in the separation of himself and wife to whom he had become reconciled a few days previous.

WIMAN A FREE MAN.

The New York Court of Appeals Says He Was Wrongfully Convicted.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The court of appeals yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Erastus Wiman, charged by the commercial agency of R. G. Dun & Co. with forgery. The court sustains the opinion of the general term of the supreme court, reversing the judgment of the conviction and sentence of 5 1/2 years, and Mr. Wiman is therefore a free man.

WILL PLAY YALE.

The Missouri "Tigers" to Meet the Great Football Team Next Year.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—Prof. H. C. Corey, manager of the state university football team, stated that although the contracts had not been signed, it was practically settled that the "Tigers" will play with the Yale team in New York on November 16, 1896. Thorne, who captained Yale this year, will coach the "Tigers" in 1896.

Sale of Tilden's Effects.

New York, Dec. 20.—Some of the property of the late Samuel J. Tilden was sold at auction yesterday. The property sold consisted principally of household effects. Prominent among the spectators in the forenoon was Secretary of War Lamont. The sale continued all day and at its close about \$10,000 had been realized.

NEWS NOTES.

Levi Chubbuck, of Kinder, Mo., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Cider and Cider Vinegar Manufacturers' association, in session at Chicago. L. B. Bryant, of Princeton, Ill., was elected president.

The two-story brick building at 213-215 West Tenth street, Kansas City, Mo., occupied by the Gate City Laundry Co., was damaged to the extent of from \$600 to \$800 by a fire of unknown origin, while the contents suffered a loss of from \$400 to \$600.

Alfred L. Sawyer, bookkeeper for a St. Louis firm, embezzled \$50,000, which he lost in option speculation. Now his employers seek, by a suit filed on the 19th, to recover the amount from the brokers who did the business, it being alleged that the brokers are doing an unlawful business.

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Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, is good enough to accept "the theory that our Democratic friends were honest in their endeavor to frame a bill that would raise sufficient revenue to meet the demands of the Government." This was undoubtedly their purpose; and their estimates were so good that if the law they passed had been permitted to stand intact there would have been just revenue enough. But a conspiracy of tax-dodging wealth procured from the Supreme Court a nullification of the income tax, and there is a shortage. It is just as well to bear this fact in mind in discussing ways and means of meeting the deficiency.—New York World.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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There is one road to success, and that is the road of hard work. All sorts of short cuts have been devised and tried by people, but they have all been short cuts to failure. The long road of hard work is the only highway that leads to success; all by-paths end in the swamp. Activity is the necessity of every strong boy; a lazy boy is a sick boy or a defective boy. There is little fear about the success of the boy who works hard. Life is full of hard work; but the boy who is willing to work, who is honest and true is the boy who will stand the best chance of becoming prosperous and influential.—Ex.

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